



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

**Internal Revenue Service**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Forms: 8653, 8654, 13206, 13715, 13977, 139778, 14204, 14310, and 14335**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Internal revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the VITA/TCE (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance / Tax Counseling for the Elderly) Volunteer Program.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Paul Adams, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Sara Covington, at Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or at (737)800-6149 or through the internet at [Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov](mailto:Sara.L.Covington@irs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Title: VITA/TCE Volunteer Program.

OMB Number: 1545-2222.

Form Numbers: 8653, 8654, 13206, 13715, 13977, 13978, 14204, 14310 and 14335.

**Abstract:** The Internal Revenue Service offers free assistance with tax return preparation and tax counseling using specially trained volunteers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs assist seniors and individuals with low to moderate incomes, those with disabilities, and those for whom English is a second language.

**Current Actions:** There is a change in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. The agency has requested to add Forms 13977, 13978, and 14335 to this collection and has updated the form to meet 508 compliance. The information on the form can only be submitted to the IRS at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/irs-tax-volunteers>. This process is part of Link and Learn (a self-paced e-learning for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (VITA/TCE) program).

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and Households.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 49,100.

**Estimated Average Time Per Respondent:** 21 minutes.

**Estimate Total Annual Burden Hours:** 17,034.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required

by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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